

able to play an essential part in strengthening and increasing co-operation in the whole free world. Only if such co-operation can be deepened and extended can the free world find the peace and security for which it is groping.

There is no single - or simple - path to this end. The goal can be reached by many routes - by developing and strengthening the United Nations, by building up the North Atlantic community through NATO, and by adapting to new conditions and new needs the Commonwealth of Nations which has in the recent past served the world so well.

The associations of the free world to which we belong are not exclusive; nor are they directed against any state or group of states. They have only one purpose - peace and better relations between peoples. The principles which guide them can work wherever the will exists. We cannot force similar arrangements on other people; but we can - and we must - persuade by example, and by the tangible results of our own efforts that co-operation is better than conflict. We must do this not simply because the Communist threat exists in real and terrible form, but because unity and peace are the pre-conditions of survival in the atomic age in which we live.

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